matter under discussion with the Government of Nepal. In this regard, the 13th Meeting of the Indo-Nepal Joint Technical Level Boundary Committee is expected to be held in New Delhi on 16-19 March, 1992. The matters relating to Indo-Nepal boundary will come up for discussions during the course of this meeting.

Violation of human rights in Sri Lanka

2714. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that violation of human rights in Sri Lanka like killings, illegal arrest and detention, torture and abuse of powers and curb on human liberty is taking place; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to intitiate any move for the Human Rights Commission to visit Sri Lanka to prevent such violation of human rights in that country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Government are aware of reports by international human rights organisations such as Amnesty International on the human rights situation in Sri Lanka. This is under continuous review by the United Nations Human Rights Commission. At its recent Session the Human Rights Commission has called upon the Sri Lanka Government to intensify its efforts to ensure full protection of human rights.

Discussions with Pakistan Prime Minister

2715. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Prime Minister Md. Nawaz Sharif's call for a nationwide strike to observe solidarity with the people of Kashmir is not an attempt for interfering in India's internal affairs; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard especially in the wake of recent discussions between the two Prime Ministers about Indo-Pak relations at Davos?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have conveyed to the Government of Pakistan their concern and regret that the Prime Minister of Pakistan has associated himself with actions and statements designed to inflame public opinion and which constitute a blatant interference in India's internal affairs. Government have further conveyed to the Government of Pakistan that the statement of the Prime Minister of Pakistan is not in keeping with the spirit of his recent discussions with our Prime Minister in Davos and raises doubts about Pakistan's sincerity with regard to efforts being made by the two countries to reduce tensions and build mutual trust and confidence.

पारपत्र कार्यालय को शास्त्री भवन से हटा कर किसी अन्य स्थान पर ले जाया जाना

2716. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार पारपत्र कार्यालय को शास्त्री भवन, नई दिल्ली से हटा कर किसी अन्य स्थान पर ले जाने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधवसिंह सोलंकी): (क) और (ख) क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय के लिए वैकल्पिक स्थान के प्रश्न पर कुछ समय से विचार किया जा रहा है। विदेश मंत्रालय और शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के बीच बातचीत के बाद यह फैसला किया गया है कि उपयुक्त प्रबंध हो जाने के बाद क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय को इसके मौजूदा परिसर से स्थानांतरित कर दिया जाएगा। इन प्रबन्धों का ब्यौरा शहरी विकास मंत्रालय के परामर्श से तैयार किया जा रहा है।

भारत-पाक सीमा पर संयुक्त रूप से गश्त लगाया जाना

2717. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय:** क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान के विदेश सचिव ने हाल ही में भारत-पाक सीमा पर बाड़ लगाने के बजाए सीमा पर संयुक्त रूप से गश्त लगाये जाने का प्रस्ताव किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री माधवसिंह सोलंकी): (क) और (ख) सरकार को इस संबंध में समाचारपत्रों की खबरों की जानकारी है। मई, 1989 में भारत के गृह सचिव और पाकिस्तान के आन्तरिक सचिव की बैठक में लिए गए निर्णय के अनुसरण में भारत-पाक सीमा के कुछ क्षेत्रों में संयुक्त समन्वित गश्त शुरू की गई थी। तथापि, पाकिस्तानी पक्ष से पर्याप्त सहयोग न मिल पाने के कारण इससे वांछित परिणाम हासिल नहीं किये जा सके। सरकार ने अन्य आवश्यक उपाय किए हैं जैसे भारत-पाक सीमा पर चुनिंदा क्षेत्रों में कंटीले तार लगाना।

Modification of India's stand on Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty

2718. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the summit meeting of the Security Council held at New York recently some pressure was exherted on India to modify its stand on Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty; and

(b) if so, what was the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Leaders of some of the countries which attended the Summit meeting of the Security Council in their statements urged in general terms, for universalisation of the N.P.T. Government continues to remain opposed to the N.P.T. and our principle position on nuclear non-proliferation was reiterated by the Prime Minister in his address.

Appointment of commercial counsellors abroad

2719. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to appoint industrialists and professionals from important export promotion councils as India's commercial counsellors at various Missions abroad;

(c) whether some industrialists have already been approached to suggest the names of such experts from the Private Sector; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the scheme and the response from the industrialists and professionals?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agreement with Pakistan on Siachin

2720. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on Siachin Glacier an agreement has been reached with Pakistan but that agreement has been signed so far;

(b) whether Government have decided to sign such agreement;

(c) if so, what are the terms of agreements; and

(d) what is the expenditure that Government is incurring in Siachin?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Adequate provisions have been made to meet the cost of troop deployment in the Siachin Glacier.

Siachin Glacier

2721. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleassed to state:

(a) what is the total area of Siachin Glacier;

(b) what area of the glacier is in Pakistan and what falls with India; and

(c) what progress has so far been achieved in regarding the territory of the glacier from Pak?